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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED INDOCHINESE REFUGEE SITUATION ALONG LINES OF REFTEL WITH TORE TORENG, OFFICE OF UN AFFAIRS (WHICH INCLUDES REFUGEE QUESTIONS) ON AUG 15. (UN AFFAIRS OFFICE CHANGING DIRECTORS AND NEW DIRECTOR, BJORN UTHEIM, NOT ON BOARD UNTIL AUG 24.)

2. TORENG REPORTED GON REMAINS HIGHLY INTERESTED IN PLIGHT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, AND WITHIN BOUNDS OF PRESENT GON POLICY WILL MAKE DETERMINED EFFORT TO HELP REFUGEES RESETTLE, INCLUDING SETTLING IN NORWAY IF THEY WISH.

3. GON POLICY ON BOAT CASE REFUGEES REMAINS SAME. ALL NORWEGIAN CAPTAINS PASSING THROUGH AREA WHERE BOAT REFUGEES ARE LIKELY TO BE PICKED UP ARE INSTRUCTED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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GON TO OFFER ASSISTANCE WHICH INCLUDES TAKING REFUGEES ON BOARD AND TAKING THEM TO PORT OF TEMPORARY REFUGE. CAPTAINS THEN TURN REFUGEES OVER TO NEAREST NORWEGIAN EMBASSY OR CONSULATE WHICH OFFERS RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE. THIS ASSISTANCE TAKES FORM OF OFFER TO SETTLE IN NORWAY OR HELP IN REACHING UNHCR OR OTHER REFUGEE INTERNMENT CENTER.

4. ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF GON POLICY TOWARD INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES IS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF REFUGEE CENTERS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA THROUGH NORAD, NORWEGIAN AID. THIS AID HAS INCREASED STEADILY AS REFUGEE SITUATION HAS WORSENERD.

5. TORENG SAID GON HAS NO PLANS TO ESTABLISH QUOTA FOR ACCEPTING REFUGEES IN NORWAY. CURRENT GON THINKING ON QUOTAS IS THAT THEY WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE IN NORWAY'S CASE BECAUSE (A) NORWAY HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT ALL INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES WHO WISH TO COME HERE WITHOUT LIMIT; AND (B) NORWEGIAN EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF REFUGEES INTERVIEWED OR PROCESSED BY NORWEGIAN FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS DO NOT WISH TO SETTLE IN NORWAY, AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE TO SETTLE IN U.S. GON FEELS THAT CURRENT NORWEGIAN POLICY TOWARDS REFUGEES PROVIDES AMPLE SUPPORT TO UNHCR GUARANTEES ON RESETTLEMENT.
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